

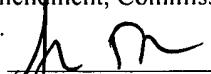


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Liew et al. Att'y Docket: 3155/119 (previously 6750-0009)
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response and requests that the following amendments and remarks, in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2006, be considered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

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